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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Dale L. Maki, 41, of Vernon Hills, Illinois, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to 24 months in prison for growing marijuana. This term of imprisonment will be followed by a five-year period of supervised release. Maki pleaded guilty to this charge on June 16, 2006.

In February 2006, officers executed a search warrant at Maki's home in Hurley, Wisconsin, and found more than 400 marijuana plants. As a result of using his property to grow the marijuana, he was ordered to forfeit it to the United States.

The charges against Maki were the result of an investigation conducted by the Hurley Police Department, the Gogebic County (Michigan) Sheriff's Department, and the Ironwood, Michigan Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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